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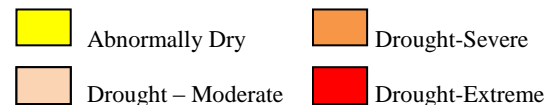
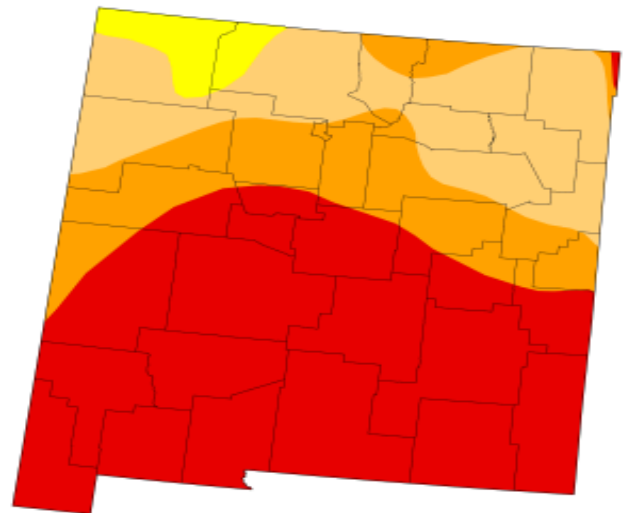
CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 1, 2011

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good to fair. Cotton was 70% planted. Sorghum was 10% planted. Winter wheat was mostly very poor; with 53% of the total wheat headed. Lettuce condition ranged from fair to excellent. Chile was mostly fair; with 96% planted. Onion conditions were mostly good. Cattle conditions were mostly fair. Sheep conditions were mostly fair. Range and pasture feed conditions were mostly very poor to fair. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.7. Topsoil moisture was 62% very short, 25% short and 13% adequate. Wind damage was 25% light, 11% moderate and 7% severe. No Freeze damage was reported.

CROP PROGRESS
PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1 st Cutting	45	25	16	38
Chile	Planted	96	95	87	90
Corn	Planted	57	12	21	43
Corn	Emerged	12	3	3	7
Cotton	Planted	70	50	59	53
Peanut	Planted	10	-	29	7
Sorghum	Planted	10	3	6	3
Winter	Headed	53	46	28	22

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NEW MEXICO



CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	-	5	36	47	12
Chile	-	2	62	18	18
Lettuce	-	-	34	33	33
Onion	-	-	15	75	10
Winter Wheat	59	11	25	5	-
Cattle	4	39	50	7	-
Sheep	13	22	52	13	-

COUNTY REPORTER COMMENTS:

Taos: The county has had scattered rain and snow showers this week; however, dry conditions still persist. **De Baca/Guadalupe:** High winds persist this week - 60 to 70 mph gusts. **Quay:** High winds have been devastating to soil moisture. No precipitation in months has had it's toll on rangeland as well as dryland crops. No rainfall and a very poor snow pack means little to no recharge of Conchas Lake. Conservancy district does not expect any allocations of irrigation water this season as of today. **Eddy:** 194 day since last measurable moisture. High winds have been a factor so far this year. This last week the Last Chance Fire burned approximately 54,000 acres of rangeland in Eddy County. lots of small burns scattered around. No measurable precipitation recorded since September of 2010. DRY! lots of dry grass but of little feed value.

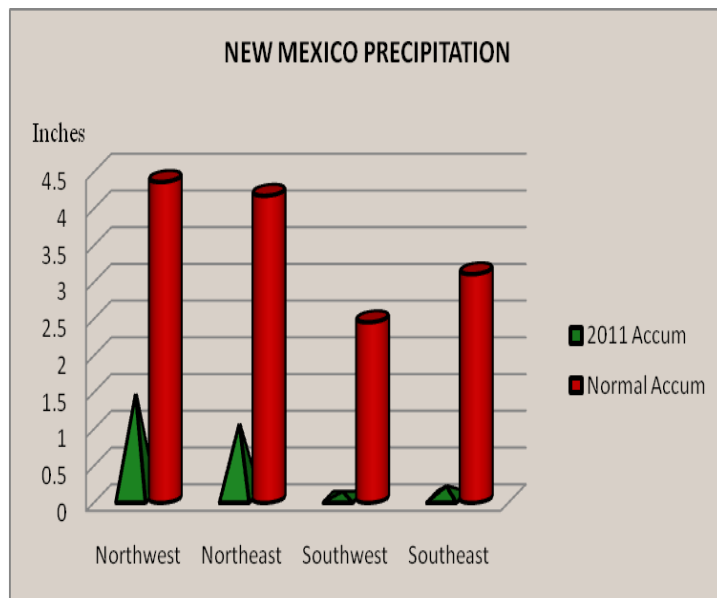
SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	17	37	46	-
Northeast	96	4	-	-
Southwest	68	26	6	-
Southeast	51	39	10	-
State Current	62	25	13	-
State-Last Week	57	36	7	-
State-Last Year	7	32	56	5
State-5-Yr Avg.	33	33	32	2

RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITION					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	32	52	16	-	-
Northeast	46	47	7	-	-
Southwest	-	73	27	-	-
Southeast	22	29	45	4	-
State Current	28	44	26	2	-
State-Last Week	24	37	33	6	-
State-Last Year	10	23	33	32	2
State-5-Yr Avg.	14	31	34	21	1

WEATHER SUMMARY

The New Mexico work-week started with some precipitation reported over the northwest part of state. Much colder temperatures over the weekend with snow across northern areas and high winds across the middle Rio Grande Valley. The temperatures were below normal in all areas of the state.



NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – APRIL 25 - MAY 1, 2011								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 25 Apr-01 May	Month 01 May-01 May	Accum. 01 Jan-01 May	Normal May	Normal Jan-May
Northwest								
Albuquerque	54.4	83	35	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.50	2.46
Chama	37.3	63	15	1.02	0.05	4.45	1.11	7.72
Farmington	45.6	73	26	0.56	0.00	1.77	0.67	3.15
Gallup	45.1	72	18	0.10	0.00	1.18	0.51	3.74
Grants	46.1	75	18	0.01	0.00	0.17	0.53	2.48
Johnson Ranch	41.1	72	20	0.33	0.00	0.83	0.62	3.09
Los Alamos	42.3	65	24	0.13	0.00	0.57	1.17	5.05
Red River	34.7	60	18	1.08	0.16	3.13	1.77	7.52
Santa Fe	48.1	79	24	0.04	0.00	0.49	1.22	4.09
Northeast								
Capulin	46.6	77	19	0.24	0.00	2.38	2.30	5.16
Clayton	51.0	85	31	0.57	0.16	0.82	1.99	4.03
Clovis	56.5	91	34	0.00	0.00	0.48	1.87	4.17
Las Vegas	45.1	76	22	0.15	0.15	0.43	1.82	4.36
Moriarty	48.2	81	26	0.00	0.00	0.58	0.97	3.07
Raton	46.2	81	20	0.28	0.28	0.88	2.27	5.17
Roy	50.6	80	28	0.50	0.50	1.41	1.84	3.98
Tucumcari	54.9	92	31	0.00	0.00	1.06	1.49	3.49
Southwest								
Animas	64.9	90	40	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.18	2.04
Deming	63.3	91	38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	1.73
Gran Quivira	54.7	81	28	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.82	3.70
Quemado	47.9	76	18	0.00	0.00	0.14	0.50	3.45
Socorro	60.7	90	37	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.52	1.93
T or C	63.3	87	39	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.49	1.89
Southeast								
Alamogordo	65.3	90	38	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.45	2.38
Carlsbad	67.7	98	41	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.16	2.65
Carrizozo	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.62	2.72
Las Cruces	65.6	91	47	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.29	1.55
Roswell	58.4	97	32	0.00	0.00	0.18	1.24	3.23
Ruidoso	56.4	73	31	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.87	5.11
Tatum	57.8	93	37	0.00	0.00	0.22	2.09	4.14

(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.